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## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed March 15, 2006 (Paper No./Mail Date 20060309), for which a response was due on June 15, 2006. Filed herewith is a petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to July 15, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 14 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.

A replacement drawing of Figure 4 is attached following page 19 of this paper.